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1. SUMMARY: JIM MULLIN (CANADA) ELECTED CHAIRMAN
REPLACING PIERRE AIGRAIN (FRANCE). FIVE VICE-CHAIRMEN
ELECTED INCLUDING TWO INCUMBENTS FROM NORWAY AND JAPAN.
NEW VICE-CHAIRMEN ARE GANLEY (U.S.), ARGYROPOULOS
(GREECE), VAN TRIER (NETHERLANDS), KVIFTE (NORWAY) AND
OKAMURA (JAPAN). MOST OF FIRST DAY DEVOTED TO FORUM
DISCUSSION ON UTILIZATION OF SOCIAL SCIENCES IN POLICY
MAKING, BASED ON DISCUSSION OF STENMANS REPORT, STATE-
OF-THE-ART SUMMARIES BY 3 INVITED EXPERTS, AND COUNTRY
STATEMENTS BY PLANNING AND SOCIAL POLICY OFFICIALS.
UNDER MULLIN'S ADROIT LEADERSHIP, NEXT TWO DAYS COVERED
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HEAVY SCHEDULE WITH DECISIONS IN GENERAL COMPATIBILITY
WITH U.S. POSITIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS. PROGRESS REPORT
ON S&T IN NEW ECONOMIC CONTEXT WELL RECEIVED MAINLY
DUE TO LIVELY CONSULTANT REPORT. NEW AD HOC EXPERTS
GROUP UNDER ICCP SET UP TO DEVELOP GUIDELINES ON TRANS-
BORDER DATA FLOW WITH PROVISION FOR DIRECT CONTACT WITH
COUNCIL THROUGH CSTP CHAIRMAN. BRIEF REPORTS ON TECH-

NOLOGY TRANSFER STUDIES (E-W AND N-S) AND ON UNCSTD-1979 WERE PRESENTED. COMMITTEE APPROVED RECOMMENDATION TO CONTINUE WORK ON INTERNATIONAL CODE OF CONDUCT ON TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY. MAIN AREAS OF WORK FOR 1979 WERE DISCUSSED INCONCLUSIVELY, WITH THE SECRETARIAT DISCOURAGING A PRIORITIES QUESTIONNAIRE APPROACH, BUT INVITING COUNTRY COMMENTS. NEXT MEETINGS WILL BE MAY 31-JUNE 1, AND OCTOBER 10-12, (INCLUDING FORUM DISCUSSION ON S&T POLICY OUTLOOK). END SUMMARY.

2. FORUM DISCUSSION ON UTILIZATION OF SOCIAL SCIENCES IN POLICY MAKING:
AFTER ELECTION OF NEW BUREAU, AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND RECORD OF PREVIOUS SESSION, ENTIRE FIRST DAY WAS DEVOTED TO FORUM DISCUSSION, WHICH IS ON OCCASION ADDED TO NORMAL TWO DAY CSTP MEETING TO COVER IN DEPTH MAJOR TOPICS OF GENERAL INTEREST. IT WAS CLEAR THAT MORE THAN HALF THE MEMBER COUNTRIES ARE DEEPLY INTERESTED IN SUBJECT. DISCUSSION WAS STIMULATED BY PREPARED STATEMENTS OF 3 INVITED ACADEMIC EXPERTS, ONE OF WHOM IS D.G. OF THE NETHERLANDS SOCIAL SERVICES MINISTRY. ALL THREE ARE MEMBERS OF THE STENMANS GROUP ON SOCIAL SCIENCES WHICH PRODUCE THE REPORT UNDER CONSIDERATION.

THEN FOLLOWED COUNTRY STATEMENTS BY 10 DELEGATIONS (ALMOST ALL FROM SMALLER COUNTRIES) DESCRIBING IN DETAIL
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NATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH AND POLICY MAKING. MOST SPEAKERS STRESSED DIFFICULTIES IN COMMUNICATION AND DIFFERENCES IN OUTLOOK BETWEEN SOCIAL SCIENCE AND POLICY-MAKING COMMUNITIES, AND PLEADED FOR UNDERSTANDING AND OPEN-MINDEDNESS TO ENCOURAGE DEVELOPMENT OF WHAT THEY CONSIDERED A VERY USEFUL RELATIONSHIP. SEVERAL STATEMENTS WERE TEDIOUS AND OVERLY CONCERNED WITH ORGANIZATIONAL DETAILS; OTHERS SHOWED IMAGINATION AND PRACTICALITY IN COUNTRY ARRANGEMENTS.

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THERE WAS LITTLE TIME FOR SPONTANEOUS DISCUSSION.
AT THE END OF THE SESSION, THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT
THAT STENMANS REPORT IS VALID AND USEFUL WORK SUITABLE
FOR PUBLICATION, AND THAT THE FORUM DISCUSSION WAS MORE
THAN WORTH-WHILE.

3. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN NEW ECONOMIC CONTEXT -
PROGRESS REPORT:

AFTER A SMOOTH AND LOW-KEY STATEMENT BY D. BECKLER,
DIRECTOR DSTI, DESCRIBING THE STATUS AND PLANS OF HIS
ORGANIZATION AND HIS EVALUATION OF PRIORITIES, OVER TWO
HOURS WERE DEVOTED TO ABOVE PROJECT, LED BY J.J. SALOMON,
WHICH BECKLER CONSIDERS THE CENTERPIECE OF DSTI PROGRAM.
IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THIS MAJOR PROJECT HAS BEEN
CRITICIZED BY DELEGATIONS AND PERMDEL SCIENCE OFFICERS
FOR LACK OF TRANSPARENCY, INADEQUATE INFORMATION, AND
CLOSED MANNER OF OPERATING. THERE WAS NO DISAGREEMENT
OVER THE IMPORTANCE AND TIMELINESS OF THE SUBJECT BUT
RATHER OVER LACK OF UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT WAS GOING ON.
THE SENSE OF UNEASINESS WAS SOMEWHAT DISPELLED BY PRE-
SENTATIONS OF SALOMON, DE LA PALME (FRENCH CHAIRMAN OF
GROUP OF EXPERTS) AND ESPECIALLY BY CHRIS FREEMAN,
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SCIENCE POLICY UNIT, UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX, U.K.

FREEMAN GAVE VIGOROUS AND CONVINCING EXPOSITION OF HIS
STUDIES ON RELATIONSHIPS AND RECENT TRENDS IN CAPITAL
INTENSITY, TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION AND EMPLOYMENT. HE
SEES AN OVERALL DIMINUTION OF EMPLOYMENT IN INDUSTRY,
SIMILAR TO THAT IN AGRICULTURE, EVEN IF CAPITAL INTENSI-
TY IS INCREASED AND GROWTH OF PRODUCTION OCCURS. THIS
IS NOW HAPPENING IN STEEL AND CHEMICALS. SINCE GROWTH
OF INVESTMENT AND INDUSTRIAL OUTPUT DOES NOT NECESSARILY

PRODUCE JOBS, HE SEES SERIOUS SOCIAL PROBLEMS IN THE 1980'S, UNLESS WE CREATE NEW INDUSTRIES AND NEW SERVICES THAT ARE, AT LEAST INITIALLY, LABOR INTENSIVE. EVEN HIGH-GROWTH INDUSTRIES SUCH AS ELECTRONICS, IN THE LAST TWO DECADES HAVE SHIFTED FROM HIGH LABOR INTENSITY TO HIGH CAPITAL INTENSITY, WITH THE USE OF SEMICONDUCTORS, INTEGRATED CIRCUITS, AND AUTOMATED ASSEMBLY. IF THE LDC'S BUILD UP MODERN INDUSTRIES, THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WILL DEFEND THEMSELVES BY ADOPTING TECHNOLOGY-LED CAPITAL-INTENSIVE DEVELOPMENT WHICH DISPLACES MORE PEOPLE. SINCE TECHNOLOGY CANNOT BE SLOWED DOWN, WE MUST DEVELOP NEW PRODUCTS, INDUSTRIES AND SERVICES TO ABSORB PEOPLE DISPLACED BY INCREASING CAPITAL INTENSITY IN OLDER ACTIVITIES. EVEN SERVICES, WHICH ARE BELIEVED TO BE MINIMALLY IMPACTED BY TECHNOLOGY ARE INCREASINGLY INFLUENCED BY THE ELECTRONICS REVOLUTION (BANKING, HEALTH CARE, EDUCATION, ETC.). A TRANSCRIPT OF FREEMAN'S REMARKS WILL BE PROVIDED BY SECRETARIAT. BELGIAN DEL. SUGGESTED FUTURE FORUM ON FREEMAN'S TOPIC.

SALOMON DESCRIBED SECTOR STUDIES IN ELECTRONICS, PHARMACEUTICALS, FOOD PROCESSING AND MACHINE TOOLS. SEVERAL UNCLASSIFIED

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DELEGATIONS PRESSED HIM FOR COMMITMENTS ON REPORTS. HE PLEADED FOR TIME AND PATIENCE TO CRYSTALLIZE THE WORK OF EXPERTS INTO USEFUL PRODUCT. THE MORE OPEN EXPOSURE OF THE PROJECT TO THE COMMITTEE PRODUCED A FAVORABLE REACTION, BUT IT IS BELIEVED THAT THERE ARE STILL LINGERING DOUBTS ABOUT SOME OF ITS ELEMENTS.

4. INFORMATION, COMPUTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS POLICY: J.MARTIN-LOF (SWEDEN), THE ABLE CHAIRMAN OF ICCP LED OFF WITH A LUCID SUMMARY OF ICCP INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING THE VIENNA SYMPOSIUM, IMPLICATIONS OF DATA NETWORKS AND SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS, RESULTS OF ICCP'S LAST MEETING IN DECEMBER, PRIORITIES AND WORK PROGRAM. HE MENTIONED PLANS FOR A DATA NETWORK SYMPOSIUM IN JUNE 1978 AND A GENERAL CONFERENCE TO SUM UP ICCP'S THREE YEARS OF EXISTENCE IN 1980. THEN HE INTRODUCED THE TRANSBORDER DATA FLOW (TBDF) ISSUE AND THE ACTION RECOMMENDATIONS OF ICCP AND THE DATA BANK PANEL TO CONTINUE THE WORK THROUGH A NEWLY CREATED AD HOC EXPERTS GROUP. HE OUTLINED THE OPTIONS ON DIVISION

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OF WORK AND ORGANIZATIONAL SET UP, AND EXPLAINED THE
DECISION FACING CSTP. CHAIRMAN MULLIN THEN BOILED DOWN
THE DECISION TO 3 BASIC QUESTIONS: (1) SHOULD WE SUP-
PORT ONGOING ACTIVITY ? (2) DO WE AGREE WITH MANDATE
PROPOSED IN SPT(78)5? AND (3) WHAT IS APPROPRIATE ORGA-
NIZATIONAL STRUCTURE ?

THERE FOLLOWED LENGTHY AND SOMEWHAT CONFUSED DEBATE,
DURING WHICH IT BECAME EVIDENT THAT MOST DELS FAVORED A
SINGLE GROUP UNDER ICCP, BUT MISTRUSTED THE SUGGESTION
THAT THE GROUP COULD UNDER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES FOR
INFORMATION ONLY COMMUNICATE THROUGH ICCP WITH THE
COUNCIL. THE U.S. AND OTHERS ARGUED THAT THIS WOULD
AVOID THE LENGTHY PROCESS OF FILTERING THROUGH ICCP
AND CSTP. AFTER SEVERAL ALARMS ABOUT "BYPASSING CSTP",
THE FINAL COMPROMISE WAS THAT THE NEW GROUP COULD
COMMUNICATE WITH COUNCIL WITH THE JOINT CONCURRENCE OF
THE CHAIRMEN OF ICCP AND CSTP.

THE MANDATE OF THE NEW GROUP WAS MODIFIED ACCORDINGLY
AND A PHRASE STATING THAT THE "ULTIMATE AIM BEING A
PROPOSAL FOR AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION REGULATING
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TRANSBORDER FLOWS OF PERSONAL DATA" WAS DELETED ON THE
INSISTENCE OF THE U.S. AND OTHER DELS.

IN BRIEF, THE NEW GROUP "SHOULD DEVELOP GUIDELINES ON BASIC RULES GOVERNING TRANSBORDER DATA FLOW AND PROTECTION OF PERSONAL DATA AND PRIVACY TO FACILITATE HARMONIZATION OF NATIONAL LEGISLATION, WITHOUT PRECLUDING AT A LATER DATE, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION". IN ADDITION, IT WILL "INVESTIGATE LEGAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS RELATING TO TRANSBORDER FLOW OF NON-PERSONAL DATA TO PROVIDE A BASIS FOR DEVELOPING GUIDELINES THAT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE PRINCIPLE OF FREE FLOW OF INFORMATION". ANOTHER PROVISION CALLS FOR CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION WITH EEC AND CE. THIS FORMULATION OF THE MANDATE IS CONSISTENT WITH U.S. POSITION IN THE DATA BANK PANEL, ICCP, AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR CSTP MEETING.

DURING THE DISCUSSION CONCERN WAS EXPRESSED OVER TIME LOST SINCE VIENNA SYMPOSIUM AND THE NEED TO GET NEW GROUP WORKING ASAP. AT THE END, THERE WAS GENERAL SATISFACTION AND BECKLER SUGGESTED SENDING THE COUNCIL AN INFORMATION NOTE ON THE CSTP DECISION.

5. REPORT OF AD HOC REVIEW GROUP ON R&D STATISTICS: TEN COUNTRIES ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED IN A GENERALLY LAUDATORY ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT (SPT (78)6), AND AGREEMENT WITH ITS THRUST. CHAIRMAN MULLIN WAS PLEASED SINCE HE ALSO CHAIRED THE REVIEW GROUP THAT PRODUCED THE REPORT. U.S. REMARKS WERE ECHOED BY SEVERAL OTHER INTERVENTIONS. IMPORTANCE OF DEVELOPING VALID OUTPUT INDICATORS TO MAKE R&D STATISTICS MORE THAN AN ACADEMIC EXERCISE IN DATA GATHERING WAS MENTIONED SEVERAL TIMES, AS UNCLASSIFIED

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WELL AS THE NEED TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE RESOURCES FOR THIS ACTIVITY. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS IN SPT (78)6 WERE APPROVED.

6. TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY (E-W AND N-S)
BRIEF PROGRESS REPORTS FOR GENERAL INFORMATION WERE GIVEN ON EACH ACTIVITY, BY STENMANS (BELGIUM) CHAIRMAN OF AD HOC GROUP FOR E-W AND PROF. TURPIN (FRANCE) CHAIRMAN OF EXPERTS GROUP ON TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. BOTH PROJECTS HAVE HELD MEETINGS RECENTLY ATTENDED BY MORRIS (OES) AND DAMERON (EUR) FOR E-W AND BLACKBURN (OES) FOR N-S. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SEE MISSION REPORTS PARIS 03138 AND 04554.

7. PREPARATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT (UNCSTD)
U.S. CONSULTANT JULIAN ENGEL, ON LOAN TO DSTI

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FROM NAS TO PREPARE APRIL OECD WORKSHOP ON S&T FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, GAVE ELEGANT AND PERCEPTIVE REPORT OF ATTENDANCE AT GENEVA PREPCOM FOR UNCSTD (JAN 23-FEB 3), AND SUBSEQUENT MEETING OF CSTD. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THE UNCSTD WILL BE A POLITICAL NOT AN S&T EVENT, AND THAT LDC'S SEE S&T AS COMPONENTS THAT MUST BE SHAPED TOWARDS NIEO OBJECTIVES. THE LDC'S ARE MAKING COORDINATED POLITICAL PREPARATIONS IN WHICH THE CONTENT OF S&T IS RELATIVELY SMALL. HE IMPLIED THAT DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SHOULD ANTICIPATE LDC ORIENTATION IN THEIR OWN PREPARATIONS AND NOT RELY TOO MUCH ON SPECIALISTS. HE DESCRIBED THE GENEVA ATMOSPHERE AS GOOD, WITH CONFRONTATIONAL ISSUES BEING KEPT UNDER CONTROL. CONFERENCE SYG DACOSTA IS HOLDING THINGS TOGETHER AND BRINGING IN THE S&T COMMUNITIES EFFECTIVELY. BUT THERE ARE TWO MORE PREPCOMS BEFORE THE CONFERENCE, AND ONE OF THE ADOPTED SUBJECT AREAS IS AN OPEN DOOR TO CONTENTIOUS ISSUES. SOME OF THESE MIGHT BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LARGE VOLUME OF DOCUMENTS BEING GENERATED AS NATIONAL AND REGIONAL PAPERS. UN SECRETARIAT IS WORKING ON SYNTHESIS OF THESE INPUTS.

ENGEL'S DISCOURSE WAS APPRECIATED AND HOPE WAS EXPRESSED
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THAT THESE QUESTIONS COULD BE DISCUSSED IN GREATER DEPTH DURING APRIL WORKSHOP. DAC MEMBERS LED BY CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS WERE PRESENT TO PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSION. REMARKS BY SEVERAL DELS STRESSED USEFULNESS OF OECD CONSULTATIONS ON UNCSTD PREPARATIONS, AND DESIRE TO BE KEPT INFORMED OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

8. FOLLOW-UP ON SOCIAL SCIENCES POLICY

THIS AGENDA ITEM WAS INTENDED TO DECIDE THE DISPOSITION OF THE STENMANS REPORT ON UTILIZATION OF SOCIAL SCIENCES IN POLICY MAKING, AND TO DISCUSS FUTURE WORK ON SOCIAL SCIENCES INCLUDING NEW SECRETARIAT PROPOSAL ENTITLED "THE EVALUATION OF GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS". (SPT (78)9).

AFTER MUCH CONFUSION, IT WAS DECIDED TO TRANSMIT THE REPORT TO COUNCIL, AFTER DELETION OF ACTION RECOMMENDATIONS, WITH REQUEST FOR DERESTRICTION AND POSSIBLE PUBLICATION. A COVER LETTER FROM CSTP CHAIRMAN WILL EMPHASIZE THAT REPORT IS CONSIDERED USEFUL BY CSTP, REPRESENTS THINKING OF EXPERTS GROUP NOT GOVERNMENTS, AND SHOWS CSTP INTEREST IN THIS FIELD, AND RESPONSE TO MINISTERIAL MEETING DIRECTIVE.

THERE WAS LITTLE CONSENSUS ON FUTURE WORK AND IT SOON BECAME OBVIOUS THAT SPT (78)9 WHICH HAD BEEN PRODUCED ONLY DAYS BEFORE HAD NOT BEEN ADEQUATELY DIGESTED. THERE WERE SOME MINOR CRITICISMS, URGING OF A BROADER APPROACH, BETTER ORDERING OF PRIORITIES, AND THE NEED TO HAVE A CHOICE OF TOPICS IN THIS AREA. THE OUTCOME WAS INCONCLUSIVE; THIS ITEM MAY REAPPEAR ON AGENDA OF NEXT CSTP MEETING.

9. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY OUTLOOK

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THE UPDATED VERSION OF SPT (77) 15, WITH NEW PREFACE BY PIERRE AIGRAIN, WAS ENDORSED AS A USEFUL SYNOPSIS AND COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF S&T POLICIES OF MEMBER COUNTRIES. IT BUILDS DIRECTLY ON OECD PIONEERING WORK ON RESEARCH SYSTEM STUDIES AND COUNTRY REVIEWS OF SCIENCE POLICY. THE COUNCIL WILL BE ASKED TO APPROVE PUBLICATION AS A CSTP REPORT.

DELEGATIONS WERE INVITED TO SUBMIT REVISIONS OF SPT(77) 15 WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

IN DOCUMENT SPT (78)3, THE SECRETARIAT EXTRACTED SEVERAL MAJOR ISSUES FROM ABOVE REPORT, TO SERVE AS A BASIS FOR DISCUSSING THE 1979 WORK PROGRAM, AND SELECTING TOPICS

FOR FORUM DISCUSSION AT 21ST SESSION IN OCTOBER 1978.
BECKLER PROPOSED THREE ITEMS: PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN
POLICY DECISION MAKING, GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND INNOVA-
TION, AND SCIENCE-GOVERNMENT RELATIONS. COMMITTEE DECI-
DED TO MAKE CHOICE OF FORUM THEME AT MAY MEETING AND TO
GIVE SECRETARIAT UNTIL THEN TO DEVELOP 3 TOPICS FURTHER.

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10. PREPARATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL CODE OF CONDUCT ON
THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY: SPT (78)10
SINCE MID-1975, THE AD HOC POLICY GROUP ON MULTINATIONAL
ENTERPRISES HAS PROVIDED FORUM FOR GROUP B COUNTRIES TO
COORDINATE PREPARATIONS FOR NEGOTIATING AT UNCTAD A
DRAFT INTERNATIONAL CODE OF CONDUCT ON TECHNOLOGY TRANS-
FER. THIS WORK IS ACCELERATING IN UNCTAD SINCE UNGA IS
CONVENING A CONFERENCE IN OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 1978 TO
NEGOTIATE ON THE DRAFT TEXT. TO PROVIDE CONTINUITY,
CSTP AGREED TO SET UP AN AD HOC GROUP ON CODE OF CONDUCT
ON TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY. THE PROPOSED MANDATE WAS
SLIGHTLY MODIFIED AFTER A LONG DISCUSSION OF THE NUANCES
OF "COORDINATION" AND "CONCERTATION". THE GROUP NOW HAS
FORMAL STATUS UNDER CSTP.

LL. MAIN AREAS OF WORK SPT (78) 7
SUBJECT DOCUMENT IS PRELIMINARY SECRETARIAT VIEW OF 1979
WORK PROGRAM, TO BE REVISED IN ACCORDANCE WITH MEMBER

COUNTRY SUGGESTIONS FOR DECISION AT MAY MEETING. THERE WAS INADEQUATE TIME FOR INTENSIVE DISCUSSION. ONE SUGGESTION THAT A PRIORITY QUESTIONNAIRE BE USED AS IN THE UNCLASSIFIED

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PAST WAS DISCOURAGED BY BECKLER WHO INDICATED THAT HE DID NOT HAVE SUFFICIENTLY PRECISE INDICATIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE TO REPROGRAM FOR SPECIFIC PROJECTS. HE REMARKED THAT MANAGEMENT OF RESOURCES WAS A SECRETARIAT TASK AND DEPENDED ON CSTP DECISIONS ON WORK PROGRAM. SEVERAL DELS TOOK THIS TO MEAN THAT THEY SHOULD NOT CONCERN THEMSELVES WITH RESOURCE ALLOCATION. THE CHAIRMAN THEN SUGGESTED THAT COUNTRIES PROVIDE HIGH, MEDIUM, AND LOW PRIORITY RATINGS ON THEMES AND PROJECTS OF SPT (78) 7 BY MARCH 24, 1978.

12. ACTION REQUESTED

A) PROVIDE TO SECRETARIAT PRIORITY RATINGS KEYED TO SPT (78) 7 BY MARCH 24, 1978. USDEL INSTRUCTIONS FOR AGENDA ITEM 14A, PROVIDE GENERAL OUTLINE FOR RATINGS.

B) REVIEW SPT (77)15 (REVISION 1) TO VERIFY IF DISCUSSION OF U.S. S&T POLICY IS CURRENT AND ACCEPTABLE. SUBMIT ANY CHANGES TO SECRETARIAT ASAP.

13. MISSION COMMENT: MULLIN IS AN EFFECTIVE CHAIRMAN. HE WAS COURTEOUS, KNOWLEDGEABLE AND BUSINESSLIKE. HIS SUMMARIES WERE CONCISE AND WELL FOCUSED. THE ENLARGED BUREAU WITH 3 NEW MEMBERS IS EXPECTED TO BE ACTIVE. SECRETARIAT DOCUMENTS, ON THE WHOLE, WERE BETTER THAN EVER IN THE PAST, PROBABLY DUE TO BECKLER'S PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT IN MAINTAINING QUALITY. SECRETARIAT STAFF WERE WELL PREPARED AND GAVE PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS. THERE WERE SEVERAL NEW DELS AROUND THE TABLE (AUSTRALIA, GERMANY, GREECE, CANADA, AUSTRIA, SWITZERLAND) WHO TOOK AN EARLY ACTIVE ROLE IN THE MEETING. ALTHOUGH THERE REMAIN VARIOUS PROBLEMS, MOST DELEGATIONS IN INFORMAL CONTACTS DURING AND AFTER MEETING AGREED THAT THERE WAS PROGRESS. UNCLASSIFIED

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